

ALL the propositions before the General Assembly which would have permitted the people to pass upon and settle the liquor problem have been killed.

Naturally there may be very different opinions as to how the liquor traffic should be regulated. We can conceive how some will favor the dispensary system, some prohibition and some high license, but it seems to us that it was a fair proposition to submit the whole business to the people, and let them decide what they wanted. If Fairfield wants a dispensary, the people should have the right to say so, and if she does not want one, but prefers high license with the good features of the dispensary added, then it strikes us as unjust that the dispensary should be forced upon the County merely because Chester, for instance, should think a dispensary a good thing.

The issues—high license, prohibition or dispensary—have never been submitted to the people. No candidates have made these the distinct issues in any campaign, and if the people are to rule then it should be left to them to say what they want. Whether it was intended or not, the action of the General Assembly can be construed as meaning that that body intended to fasten the dispensary upon the people, and did not intend that the voters should have any say so about it.

The dispensary system has succeeded in convincing many people that some of its regulations are admirable, but they are opposed on principle to the State's being in the business. They believe it is against the genius and spirit of our form of Government to go into such a business, and that it is wrong on principle. They believe that individuals under the same restrictions and regulations should be allowed to engage in the business. Still thousands of others believe that liquor traffic is not legitimate, and that the trade should be prohibited. No fair test of the strength of the advocates of these different views has ever been made in the State, and the General Assembly was merely asked to give a chance for the test to be made by the people. It refused. The people will have the chance at the next election, we have no doubt, and they will not then have to ask the General Assembly's permission.

The vote in the General Assembly is not even a fair test of the strength of the dispensary in that body as it is stated that many members were under campaign obligations. By the time of the next election, these obligations may have been satisfied, and they will probably be free to change. It is impossible to say how much this vote was affected by this. Nevertheless, it is not hard to see that the liquor question will be the issue in the next campaign. Candidates for Governor are already looming up, and next summer you may look for interviews on the liquor question preparatory to entering the race.

Never mind, the people will have a chance.

SENATOR HALE, of Maine, made the statement that "more Philipinos have been killed by the guns of our army and navy than were patriots killed in six battles of the Revolutionary war." This is our way of teaching the Philipinos what a glorious thing liberty is. At this rate, the subjugation should be accomplished very soon, but the gorilla warfare has not begun. When the fighting in the jungles begins, Americans will be killed as well as Philipinos.

IRON DOTS.

A few stray shots are landing in this locality about an attack on the potato bank of Mr. W. H. Jameson. They beat a hasty retreat on being discovered by Mr. Jameson. He pronounced the benediction on the hog family in his own way.

The roads from the Baro to Rock City are in a lamentable condition. It is much to be regretted that we cannot have our county roads macadamized.

Mr. Charles Prauser and band were conspicuous in our city a few nights ago. He is under the tuition of Mr. J. B. Brooks.

We regret to say that Mr. Brooks is under the care of a physician for some ailment of the head.

Block making has been resumed at the Winsboro Granite Company's works on a small scale. No orders are on hand only furnishing a few with work to an accommodating way. Some seem to think the manager very partial in his charitable offerings.

Mr. Charles Prauser, we learn, has resumed the acquaintance of a popular young lady residing not fifty miles from here. Rumor says he is much elated over the prospect of a new start. If we can judge, Mr. Boyd of Rockton has nothing to fear from the newly acquired friendship.

The Rev. Briscoe will preach here on the 21st Sunday morning and evening at 11 a. m. and 7.15 p. m. We desire to see a large attendance.

THE United States and the Philippine Islands—Some Historical Facts With Reference to our Possessions of Foreign Territory.

Mr. Editor: I am more interested in the people of the United States than I am in the people of the Philippine Islands, and unless I am mistaken in my judgment, our government is called upon to settle as important problems during the day of reconstruction. Some of these problems were under discussion before hostilities began; others have been thrust upon us as a result of the war with Spain.

Taking up the subject of imperialism, I believe the President has misrepresented the sentiments of the people; or perhaps the people do not fully understand the President's future intentions concerning the disposal of the Philippines. I left to Mr. McKibben, I believe he would do whatever he believed to be for the best interest of our people. The American people are opposed to giving the Philippine Islands back to Spain, but they have not as yet decided in favor of embarking upon a colonial policy, and therefore by covering the Spanish-American war from a war of aggression as it was intended to be a war of conquest, and thereby obliterating, to a great extent, the ancient landmarks of constitutional government. It is true that some of our leading representative American statesmen have made strenuous efforts to twist and warp the constitution of the United States to suit every political exigency that has arisen since the war between the States. It behooves our Democratic leaders to meet our adversaries at every public meeting in the United States and discuss with them before the people the advisability of maintaining a constitutional government, as Lincoln said by the people and for the people.

Referring to President McKibben's inquiry who haul down the flag, evidently meaning the flag that has been hoisted in the Philippine Islands. Those who think our flag has been hoisted in Cuba and the Philippines with the ostensible purpose of holding those sections as conquered territory, should refresh their minds with some historical facts concerning our former possession of foreign territory. The flag was raised upon Canadian soil during the war of 1812 and it was hoisted down when peace was restored. The stars and stripes were planted upon Chapultepec during the war with Mexico and they were hoisted down when the war was over. I might also add that on March 17, 1812, we seized Amelia Island and Florida. Then, under the Spanish government, raised our flag and established a custom-house, then hoisted down our flag and restored the territory to Spain on May 16, 1815. During Jackson's administration in 1818 we took St. Marks in Spanish Florida and a short time afterwards we hoisted down our flag and withdrew.

During the Colombian rebellion Admiral Jontet raised our flag on the Isthmus of Panama and traveled the country as temporarily American, only to haul down our flag and turn the country over to the Colombian government.

Mr. Bryan, that incorporeable leader of Democracy, says the American people raised the flag and they can haul it down. He says the flag was made for the people, not the people for the flag. That is good democratic doctrine. The President and his advisors will not deny the aptness and accuracy of this assertion, nor they cannot escape the logic of Bryan's statement. There is something more than eloquent rhetoric—there is historical and fundamental truth in Mr. Bryan's declaration. Our flag stands for an inalienable union of independent States. Every State is represented by a star, and every territory is represented by a constellation of stars. The constitution is a star of hope that will some day take its place in the constellation upon an equality with the other States, hoping to govern itself as the best suits the inclination of the people. I believe our government should propose to the Philipinos to pay us our \$20,000,000 and let us give them their independence. The question naturally arises, who is it that is giving for a conquest of territory, an industrial class, or the capitalists, the Democrats or the Republicans? The working people have nothing to gain by annexing this conquered territory to the United States. Perhaps the Republicans are some of those who are anxious to annex this territory, but they may derive from holding them. If we hold on to them the Philipinos could be cut up into three or four different States. Cuba could be cut into two States. In the course of time it would give us ten or twelve more Senators and a number of Congressmen, and would thereby increase our number of votes in the Electoral College. The Republicans evidently see something in this direction. They know enough for our people to go there to instruct those people in the science of government, and succeed in being elected themselves to legislative positions, both there and as representatives to the United States Congress. Those people are not near so intelligent as our people. Consequently the Republicans and capitalists know that if these sections are held by force and cut up into separate States and given representation in the United States government, it would enable them to use their money force in a new and election to the detriment of the masses and to the benefit of the classes as they have used it heretofore in the United States.

I have not read in a single newspaper report or speech an attempt to use the one's money force in this article. If our opponents entertain an idea of carrying such an operation they would not plan their intentions to the world, lest the Democrats might be accused of the emergency by doing so, and they thereby check the onward progress of centralization. If such legislation as I have mentioned should be enacted, it would enable the Republicans to perpetuate themselves in power for a century, and the Democrats, as perhaps indefinitely, and then the government, which was intended for a blessing to all our people, would soon become almost an absolute monarchy. The people which were intended to be free, would be enslaved by the few. The money force is taking every bit of the individual citizen, it should ever be the case, the money force that rises at each recurring anniversary of American independence to remind us of our liberties should not have that right taken from the American youth that it claims for itself.

Yours truly,
Robt. R. Jeffares.

February 16, 1899.

THE cold wave has caused us to be wrapped again in a mantle of snow and ice. The wave of the blizzard struck this section last week. Snow and ice began to fall Saturday morning and continued irregularly until Monday morning, covering the ground about six inches on a level. The weather was unusually cold. Monday night and Tuesday morning was a cold breaker. The thermometer going as low as zero. It was the coldest weather ever experienced here.

The farmers are away behind in preparing their farms owing to the continued wet weather in January and now the cold spell makes it worse. Stock suffered a great deal and oats are seriously damaged.

Robt. "Prober" Rieborough, an aged negro, was frozen to death Monday at his home near Woodward. He was in bed, and scarcely any bedding. Owing to his age and feebleness he was unable to get out to get wood. No one staying with him but his daughter and son-in-law, both of them being almost helpless, one lame and the other blind. Two negroes went to his house Monday and found him frozen stiff.

The business and guano trade which has been so brisk here has been brought to a standstill. The people are staying at home. It will be some time before the farmers can haul, for travel is almost impossible with a wagon. Some of our people have been enjoying sleigh rides, although it was a little severe.

The public school under the able and efficient management of Prof. A. R. Craig suspended work this week but will resume next week.

Mr. W. L. Reid made a flying trip on the 12th inst. to somewhere. Look out!

Mr. J. L. Brice, of Rock Hill, has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. Brice.

Mr. E. G. Brice, of Charlotte, spent last Wednesday in town on business. Mr. J. M. Brice, of York County, is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Brice.

Mr. Joe R. Thompson, of Chester, was in town to-day looking after cotton.

Demostrat.

Dangers of the Grip.

The greatest danger from La Grippe is of its resulting in pneumonia. If reasonable care is not taken, however, Chamberlain's Cough Remedy taken, all danger will be avoided. Among the tens of thousands who have used this remedy for the grippe we have yet to learn of a single case having resulted in pneumonia, which shows conclusively that this remedy is a certain preventive of that dangerous disease. It will cure the grippe in less time than any other treatment. It is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by McMaster Co.

WILLOWWOOD CHIPS.

The snow was very severe at our little "bug." I don't imagine there will be many "Chrysanthemums" for a while, and the rabbits are all securely protected from any more "freezes." The greetings from morning until night (while the snow lasted) was, "How many rabbits you caught to-day?" "I got 50," etc., and now they are salted and packed away for the summer's supply of meat. No more lice while the rabbits last.

Mr. A. L. Dix, after a visit to relatives in Ninety Six, has returned home. Listen! what is that I hear? Ah! the distant sound of wedding bells.

Rev. W. T. Carrol, of Columbia, preached his first sermon, as pastor, at Sandy Level Baptist Church last Sunday.

Mrs. Sarah Woodson has been very sick for several days but is now slowly improving.

Mr. W. E. Moyer (our night operator) and wife are residing at Hoffman's hotel.

Miss Lily Hood and Lois Clink scales attended an entertainment given a few miles out in the country last Friday night.

We are glad to announce the convalescence of Mrs. Belle Blain and sister, Lucile Price, who have been the victims of measles for the past two weeks.

Miss Ella Moore returned last Friday and will take charge of her school next Monday.

Miss Minnie Bookhart has returned home after having spent several months in Spartanburg.

Twenty Creek overflowed again last Sunday.

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FOREST DESTRUCTION, DROUGHTS AND COLD WAVES.

Some very pertinent reflections were printed a few days ago, by one of the Florida papers, the Times-Union, of Jacksonville, before the advent of the "cold wave," which, as the reporter has, have not overwhelmed that State, carrying ruin in its train in the most important interests in the State—for the second time in this decade. Speaking of the known effects of "droughts" and "extreme cold" on the conditions of countries "subject to their invasion," the Times-Union said:

Florida should take timely warning from the history of semi-tropical nations, which destroyed their forests and were too lethargic to restore them. From Spain westward through the Levant to Palestine, to Mesopotamia, there has swept in a broad track "the scourge of God," which was not so much the hordes of Alaric and Attila as the axe of the half-barbarous farmer.

Such devastating droughts as we experienced last spring, as well as the extraordinary rainfall preceding it, and again this winter, are a silent but solemn admonition of nature which we shall do wisely not to disregard.

The Germanic nations which have destroyed their forests have had the foresight and the courage to replace them. Prussia learned the bitter lesson of the effects of deforestation in a paucity of timber and stupefied by cold, and the sandy barrens of Brandenburg and Pomerania were planted last spring, as well as the extraordinary rainfall preceding it, and again this winter, are a silent but solemn admonition of nature which we shall do wisely not to disregard.

When first discovered, the island of Saint Helena had heavy forests, but the introduction of goats and other causes finally destroyed them, until the island was reduced almost to a barren waste. As a consequence, the records of the last century give accounts of repeated visitations of severe droughts, alternating with floods, which occasioned great loss of cattle and crops.

In the century the Governor perceived the necessity of restoring the arid equalizer, and protection, and nurseries were established, experienced gardeners were placed in charge, and trees from all quarters of the globe were planted and flourished. As a result of these plantations being made, droughts were greatly mitigated, almost ceased, and the precipitation was advantageously distributed throughout the year. Unfortunately, after the last century, the Governor lost control of the island, in 1835, the forest plantations are said to have been neglected, and twenty trees were felled for every one replaced.

When the interior of the island of Mauritius was "deserted woods," we are told again, "a large proportion of the waters of precipitation was retained and filtration was so gradual that even in the driest places, the lagoons received regular 'supplies of pure water.'"

"When the forests were cut down in order that the land might be cleared and cultivated in sugar cane, the greater part of the rainfall was carried away to the sea, and in dry seasons the sun beat down upon a sterile, parched earth. Once noted for its salubrity, the island became a hotbed of malarial, and the mortality from fevers was much augmented."

And again, fifty years ago "the Khando of Bikhara was one of the most fertile of India. 'But within the last half century a malaria for clearing cleared upon the inhabitants, all the great forests were destroyed and the little that remained was ravaged by fire during a civil war. As a consequence, the country became a desert, and the inhabitants were driven up and the irrigating canals were empty when needed. The country was transformed into an arid desert, the moving sands encroaching upon the arid land, and the country rapidly approached a condition of sterility. The province of Tunis, again, was one of the granaries of the Roman Empire, but to-day it is a barren desert, and the traveler beholds the Roman bridge of stone, now sinking in the dry river beds. The Times-Union concludes:

"The Government records kept at Jacksonville the past twenty six years show that already a slight disturbing element has been introduced into the climate. The droughts are more severe, the storms less frequent and more violent, giving a heavier rainfall within twenty-four hours. We attach little value to the forecasts as a protection against the vast continental movements from Mexico; but as an equalizer of the climate, the information and of rainfall, they are of the highest importance."

The fact is notorious that the "forests" of the South have been nearly swept out of existence in the past fifty years, and that extreme "droughts" and "cold waves" follow each other, summer and winter, as certainly as the seasons come and go, both extending to areas of the country which were practically exempt from them so lately as in the time of our grandfathers. It is a pertinent and important question for us to consider, surely, whether or not the general destruction of our forests is not responsible in large measure, as alleged by the experts in such subjects for our most of our late and now off-recurring experience of destructive "droughts" in summer, and no less destructive "freezes" in winter.

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WEDDING IN BLACKSTOCK.

Mr. James Shannon and Miss Alice McDaniel were married.

The home of Ex-Senator McDaniel, which is situated about eight miles north of this place, was made the scene of a great joy and happiness on the afternoon of February 15, when Mr. James Shannon of Blackstock claimed Miss Alice McDaniel for a bride.

Despite the cold weather and the snow, which was about 10 or 12 inches deep, a large crowd had assembled, and at a quarter past 3 o'clock the wedding march "Christmas Bells" was struck up, with Miss Strauss Mills at the piano, and the expression of sympathy which she gave to it could hardly be overestimated by anyone.

As her fingers glided over the keys with a fairy-like touch, and the crowded parlor was filled with sweet strains of music, there appeared at the door Mr. John Barker with Miss Hattie Norris, who advanced to the center of the room and formed them selves facing, and at the distance of a few feet of each other. The next couple, Mr. Arthur R. Craig with Miss Janie Caldwell, separated after entering the door, and going behind the members of the first couple formed themselves as did the first. Next appeared the groom on the arm of Mr. W. J. Simpson as best man, and the bride on the arm of Miss Edna Miller, an maid of honor, who on entering the door separated, and going back of the other couple completed the semi-circle.

The bride was beautifully dressed in a cream silk, neatly trimmed, and her young lady attendants were also attired in white organdy. Rev. J. A. White, assisted by Revs. P. B. Ingraham and J. G. Dae, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the eldest daughter of Ex-Senator and Mrs. J. H. McDaniel, and is a charming and excellent young lady.

The groom is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Shannon. He will be remembered as Woodford's line left end of a few years ago.

The presents were many and beautiful, consisting chiefly of silver and china ware. The bride and groom left shortly after for Mr. E. M. Shannon's, where they will make their future home.

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